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In the CLAIMS

Please replace the claims currently on file with the following claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A unitary, stackable fence module comprising:

two end supports being spaced apart for forming an inside therebetween, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane, and an angle arm connected between an inside of the upper end of the substantially vertical member and an inside of a second end of the horizontal member; and

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support for spacing the end supports of the fence module apart,

wherein when the fence module is oriented for support on the span members for storage or transport, the span members and angle arms of a like fence module are stackable in nested arrangement inside and between the end supports of the fence module.

2. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1

further comprising a spacer positioned between the angle arm and the inside side edge of the vertical and horizontal members for providing additional tolerance for stacking like modules in the nested arrangement.

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3. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the two end supports further comprise a first end support and a second end support, each of the first and second end assemblies having means for pivotal attachment attached to the vertical member to permit pivotal attachment to a like fence module,

wherein the means for pivotal attachment on the second end support co-operate with the means for pivotal attachment on the first end support of the like fence module; and

like modules are rotatable about the pivotal attachment for forming a corner.

4. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 3 wherein the means for pivotal attachment comprises:

loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between like fence modules; and

a pin for passage through the loops.

5. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 4 wherein the pin is of sufficient length to engage a ground at the lower ends of the vertical members.

6. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the end supports and the span members are formed of tubular steel.

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7. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

8. Previously cancelled

9. (Currently amended) A modular fence system for forming a polygonal enclosure comprising:

three or more stackable fence modules, each fence module comprising

two end supports, each end support having

a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a unitary-horizontal member, the vertical member and the horizontal members being in the same plane; and

~~an angle arm connected extending between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member; and a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart, wherein, the angle arm is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members~~

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~~to permit stacking of the two or more unitary fence modules, each like module nested within an adjacent like module of the two or more unitary fence modules for storage or transport, the angle arms of each like module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous like module in a nested arrangement; and~~

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arms of the two end supports and spacing apart the two end supports in substantially parallel arrangement for forming an inside space therebetween, the angle arm of each of the end supports being connected at a side of the vertical member adjacent the inside space and at a side of the horizontal member adjacent the inside space so as to extend the inside space between the vertical member and the horizontal member of the two end supports, the inside space being open to permit the span members and angle arms of another of the three or more fence modules to fit therein for stacking of the three or more fence modules in a substantially nested arrangement; and

means for pivotal attachment, connected between to each of the two end supports of each of the three or more fence modules, for pivotally connecting each of the three or more fence modules to an and operatively connectable between adjacent fence modulemodules of the three or more fence modules for forming the perimeter fencepolygonal enclosure.

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10. (Currently amended) The modular fence system as described in claim 9 wherein the means for pivotal attachment on a second end support of a first fence module co-operates with the means for pivotal attachment on a first end support of a likesimilar fence module; and

the first fence module and likesimilar fence module are rotatable about the means for pivotal attachment for forming a corner.

11. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackablemodular fence modulesystem of claim 910 wherein the means for pivotal attachment comprises loops arranged along each vertical member of the first and second end supports, the loops of the first end support being spaced to cooperate with the loops on the second end support so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between like fence modules; and

further comprising a pin for passing through the vertically aligned loops, the likefence modules being pivoted about the pin.

12. Previously cancelled

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13. (Currently amended) A modular fence system for forming a polygonal perimeter fence comprising:

three or more stackable fence modules, each fence module comprising

two end supports, each end support having

a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical member and the horizontal members being in the same plane; and

an angle arm connected extending between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member, and a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart, wherein, the angle arm is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members to permit nested stacking of two or more unitary fence assemblies for storage or transport, the angle arms of each module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous module in a nested arrangement; and

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arms of the two end supports and spacing apart the two end supports in

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substantially parallel arrangement for forming an inside space therebetween, the angle arm of each of the end supports being connected at a side of the vertical member and at a side of the horizontal member adjacent the inside space so as to extend the inside space between the vertical member and the horizontal member of the two end supports, the inside space being open to permit the span members and angle arms of another of the three or more fence modules to fit therein for stacking of the three or more fence modules in a substantially nested arrangement; and

a pivotal attachment, connected to each of the two end supports of each of the three or more fence modules, for pivotally connecting each of the three or more fence modules to an adjacent fence module for forming the perimeter fence, the pivotal attachment further comprising a pin and loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between the second end of a first fence module and the first end of a subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough, the pin being of sufficient length to engage a ground at the lower ends of the attached vertical members.

14. (Previously presented) The modular fence system of claim 13 wherein at least one of the fence modules further comprises a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

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15. (Withdrawn) A plurality of like unitary, stackable fence modules, wherein each module comprises:

two end supports being spaced apart for forming an inside therebetween, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane, and an angle arm connected between an inside of the upper end of the substantially vertical member and an inside of a second end of the horizontal member; and

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support for spacing the end supports of the fence module apart, wherein, when plurality of like fence modules are oriented for support on the span members for storage or transport, the angle arms and span members of each like module fit inside between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a like fence module in a vertical nested arrangement.

16. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 15 further comprising a spacer positioned between the angle arm and the inside side edge of the vertical and horizontal members for providing additional tolerance for stacking like modules in the nested arrangement.

17. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the end support and the span members are formed of tubular steel.

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18. (Withdrawn) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

19. (New) The modular fence system of claim 9 wherein the pin is of sufficient length to engage a ground at the lower ends of the vertical members.

20. (New) The modular fence system of claim 9 wherein the end supports and the span members are formed of tubular steel.

21. (New) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 9 further comprising a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

22. (New) The modular fence system of claim 13 wherein the end supports and the span members are formed of tubular steel,